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I am writing to express my utter feelings of shame at the way our government has gone after Microsoft.

In times where it seems capitalism are under attack, it is imperative that it is understood that the very freedoms we enjoy in this country are what are responsible for the success companies like Microsoft, J&J, the big three, Pfizer, McDonald's, and even Flowers.com. I mention varying types of companies because all had the freedom to dream, to plan for the dream and to follow through.

Microsoft was the victim of a government body gone mad over the American dream. Microsoft has no monopoly. If they had a monopoly, there would be no other way to run a computer than with Microsoft software. Any body else can develop their own software and market it. If they succeed, great as that is the American way. If they fail, it is either through poor design, marketing or product support, which, in a way, is also the American way.

From a government that has gone mad over tobacco, it is clear that what speaks is the almighty dollar. If tobacco were so bad, make it illegal. The government will not do that because there is too much money in it.

Microsoft is being penalized for being successful. Period.

I am ashamed of the Reno DOJ and the Clinton administration for their shameful attacks of Microsoft and the way it continues.

If somebody can build a better mousetrap than Microsoft let them. Where is the incentive to try to build a product people want only to have it all destroyed because of success? That is NOT the American way.

I implore this entire mess to be dropped, not only for the continued success of Microsoft (in which I have NO financial interest, other than possibly a mutual fund which I've not checked), but also for the future Microsofts of America on the horizon.

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